

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, October 31, 2005, at 1:30 p.m., the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division
Mike Lee, Utility Division

(415) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2003.1.14 - WWC Holding Co. / Alltell Communications, Inc. - motion for term protective order for quarterly filings as ETC;

Commissioner Schneider moved that the Commission approve the motion from WWC for a term protective order for quarterly filings as an ETC – with the exception of the complete complaint report filing in its redacted form. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division
Mike Lee, Will Rosquist, Utility Division

(416) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2003.7.86, D2004.6.96, D2005.6.103 NWE consolidated QR/AC cases and N2005.6.101 NWE natural gas procurement rules or tariffs;

Commissioner Mood moved to grant NWE's protective order on the ten items in Docket No. N2005.6.101 based on accordance with PSC procedure. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mood moved to deny NWE's request for special terms and conditions governing access to the protected information by market participants in Docket N2005.6.101. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant NWE's request for a protective order in Docket No. D2005.6.103. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant NWE's request for protective order in Docket No.

D2003.7.86, D2004.6.96, and D2005.6.103 for eight items based on trade secret and on items: 1, 2, and 3 there be a qualification that that information in the aggregate is not trade secret. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mood moved to deny NWE's request for special terms and conditions governing access to protected information by market participants in Docket Nos. D2003.7.86, D2004.6.96, D2005.6.103. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator of Legal Division
Will Rosquist and Dave Burchett, Utility Division

(417) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2005.10.156 - MDU - natural gas conservation programs;

Commissioner Schneider moved that this work session docket be deferred until Wednesday morning at 9:00 am. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Utility Division

(418) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2004.7.99, D2004.12.192, D2005.6.106 - NWE - Gas and Electric USB allocation;

Commissioner Molnar moved to reconsider the allocations for the purpose of considering amendments made in the USB natural gas docket. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which failed 1 to 4. Commissioner Schneider voting yes.

Commissioner Raney moved to issue the drafted order.

Commissioner Raney withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Raney moved to issue the draft order subject to minor editing. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Schneider voted no.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, November 1, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel
Utility Division

(419) In the matter of CenturyTel- on October 12, 2005, CenturyTel filed Transmittal No. 2005-5. With this filing CenturyTel is proposing to offer a new Custom-Calling feature Call Transfer-Docket No. N2005.10.153:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Transmittal No. 2005-5 in Docket N2005.10.153. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(420) In the matter of C.B. Geier, Helena, Montana request for permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 3584 to Tiger Express, LLC, Helena, Montana for a twelve (12) month period, October 5, 2005 to October 5, 2006- Docket No. TN2281:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the renewal of the lease of PSC No. 3584 to Tiger Express, LLC, Helena, Montana for a twelve (12) month period, October 5, 2005 to October 5, 2006. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(421) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of October 24, 2005. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(422) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Rainbow Energy Marketing request for termination of electricity supplier licenses- Docket No. N98.8.188, N99.4.102, N99.5.131, N2000.3.29:

Commissioner Schneider moved to terminate each of the electricity supplier licenses designated pursuant to their request. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel
Utility Division

(423) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Citizens Telecommunication Company of Montana request for waiver of ARM 38.5.4111(2) and approve the tariff changes in docket N2005.10.151:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the waiver of ARM 38.5.4111(2) and approval of Interim rate change based on the FCC action in Docket No. N2005.10.151. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator
Legal Division

(424) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Southern Montana Telephone Company rate increase-Docket No. D2005.8.127:

Commissioner Raney moved to certify the rates for Southern Montana Telephone Company under Rate Regulation of Small Telecommunications Providers under §69-3-907(1). Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, November 2, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division
Will Rosquist and Dave Burchett, Utility Division

(425) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Docket No. D2005.10.156 - MDU - natural gas conservation programs;

Commissioner Raney moved to approve an interim order on MDU natural gas conservation programs with the changes indicated. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)